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bill passed in this Legislature; it would be...it wouldn't be...wouldn't be a very (laugh) good situation for the public health. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Janssen. Senator Schrock, you're recognized to close on LB 337. Senator Schrock waives closing. The question is the advancement of LB 337 to E & R. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 337.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: LB 337 is advanced. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 409 was a bill introduced by Senator McDonald. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 9 of this year, referred to the Natural Resources Committee, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill at this time, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator McDonald, you're recognized to open on LB 409.

SENATOR McDONALD: Mr. President and members of the body, LB 409 simply provides for Reclamation District director per diems of \$70 per day, not to exceed \$2,800 per year. The current statute allows each board member to receive \$500 per year as compensation for this service. This hasn't been changed since 1947. I might add that I'm a 1948 model, so you get an idea how long it's been since this has been changed. Directors also receive traveling expenses, using the same guidelines as state employees. These are the same per diem amounts that NRD directors have just been awarded by LB 134, which we passed last week, and I would encourage you to advance LB 409 to Select File. I'd entertain questions, if necessary.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator McDonald. Senator Schrock, on the advancement of LB 409.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Yes, Mr. Lieutenant Governor. Members of the